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Questions arise over Flames H1N1 vaccine shots

HEALTH Alberta Health Minister Ron Liepert said he wants to know if H1N1 vaccine shots for Calgary Flames players and their families were "inappropriately diverted" while other Albertans stood in line for hours.

"There is only one supplier in the province and that's us," he said. "They would only be diverted with the approval of the chief medical officer of health."

Flames president Ken King said the players and their families received their shots on Friday at a private location. He said the organization contacted Alberta Health Services and requested the clinic based on suggestions from team doctors, the NHL and provincial guidelines in place at the time.

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Repatriation ceremony **Calgary soldier returns to Canada**



An honour guard carries the coffin of Sapper Steven Marshall to a waiting hearse during his repatriation ceremony in Trenton, Ont., yesterday. Marshall, 24, died Friday when a roadside bomb exploded near Kandahar City. The Calgary native belonged to the 11 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, based in Edmonton.

Where did
\$300K for
Expo bid
end up?

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FINANCES A Calgary alderman is questioning where \$300,000 of taxpayers' money went to for the deserted bid for Expo 2017.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said he sees inconsistencies in the money spent and wants to explore the issue further.

"I want to know where the money went. I don't see a lot of effort for the Expo bid — I see a lot of effort for a new development project," McIver said. "Were the taxpayers fooled?"

According to Mayor Dave Bronconnier, council approved \$300,000 for initial fiscal feasibility research and only spent \$240,000 of that externally and another \$50,000 internally.

"I think when you look for example at our competition to the north, they spent over \$3 million dollars, so I think it's pretty good value," Bronconnier said.

"It made more sense to spend \$300,000 up front to fully evaluate, and had we not spent that, we could have spent on a bid what we now know will be a billion-dollar shortfall."

Breakdown

- Event and site planning: \$110,000
- Financial feasibility: \$80,000
- Business case: \$50,000
- Total: \$240,000

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New plan of attack

H1N1 vaccinations to resume this week for high-risk groups

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada

280,000

The number of H1N1 vaccines doses available in Alberta this week, including the non-adjuvanted vaccines.

Clinic locations:

- Stampede Grandstand
- Olympic Oval
- Avenida Village
- Brentwood Village Mall
- Whitehorn EMS station
- Richmond Road Diagnostic Centre

Flu Outbreak

er-risk groups who were responding to the government's call for everyone to get vaccinated. To cope with the strain in Calgary, an additional vaccine centre will be opened in the Stampede Grandstand.

During question period, opposition leaders openly attacked the Tory government for initially urging all Albertans to get inoculated, without foreseeing a shortage.

When asked if Health Minister Ron Liepert and Corriveau would be fired, Premier Ed Stelmach said he has "every confidence" in both men.

highest risk for serious effects after infection.

Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta Health Services' senior medical officer of health, assured that there will be enough in stock to vaccinate all Albertans in both women starting Friday.

"It's really a no brainer, in a way, to target these groups," said Dr. Andre Corriveau, Alberta's chief medical officer of health, adding the groups are at

available, said Corriveau.

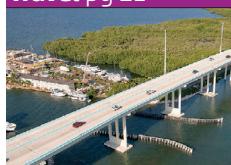
"I ask all Albertans to be patient as we deal with the vaccine supply shortage and remind all there will be enough vaccine for everyone who needs or wants it," Corriveau said.

The re-launch came after the province closed vaccine clinics on Saturday, ending days of frustrating lineups by healthy Albertans and people from high-

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Blogs The SpinDoctor weighs in on Ottawa's handling of the H1N1 outbreak and what the Grits need to revive their poll numbers

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Zoo deal for military families

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Why was punk rock booted?

Co-founder of after-school program questions city's decision

KRISTA SYLVESTER

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On one hand the city is running an after-school program out of a youth music centre — on the other hand, the city revoked a licence for the same venue, according to the founders.

The New Black Art Centre — located in Inglewood on 9th Avenue SE — was operating for a year as a youth punk-rock studio, rehearsal centre and live music venue until last week when a complaint to the city resulted in the revoking of the licence, said co-founder Isaac Creasey.

"This is a place like no other in the city, and we're doing it to give back to the community and provide a place for the youth to go," said a disappointed Creasey. "It seems it's one of those 'not in



Isaac Creasey, one of the owners of the New Black Art Centre, is disappointed in the city after investing time and money into launching an all-ages venue for musicians that is now being shut down due to zoning violations.

my backyard' type things."

While they can still rehearse, Creasey said between 70 to 80 per cent of their revenue is live music and they may be forced to shut their doors — an outcome he considers ironic.

"We provide an after-school program for kids here through the city and we teach kids music history and stuff."

The City of Calgary's chief licensing inspector, Kent Palliser, said the venue is licensed as a rehears-

al studio but not a live music venue because of a zoning permit issue.

"They are complying but I understand the problem is stuck in the approval process right now," he said, adding that they can appeal the decision.



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notes the following deaths
in our community:

BOB (nee Janzen), Sara Katherine
 BROWN, (Margaret) Lucille
 CONGO, Eunice
 DAVIDSON, Jennifer Lynn
 FORD, Doris
 GARDNER, Gene
 GREEN, Alice Fay

ISSLER, Paul
 JACKSON, Russell
 LEONARD, George
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 McLEAN, Alexander Mitchell Mitch
 NELSON, Wyatt Anthony Sirus
 PAYNE, Howard Alan

SEMKOW, Stephanie (nee Opalick)
 SHEARS, Loretta Mae
 SHERMAN, Marjorie Agnes
 THOMPSON, Alan
 TROT, Laurel

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Nine arrested as police make drug busts

CHARGES Nine people are facing hundreds of charges after three separate drug busts, according to city police.

On Oct. 29, as the result of a search warrant conducted at a northeast home in connection with a vehicle stop, police seized a Samurai sword and other weapons,

\$108,985 in cash and crack cocaine.

City police arrested two men during traffic stops in another investigation, resulting in search warrants on two northeast homes, and found crack cocaine worth \$61,750 and \$15,165 cash.

In a third investigation earlier last week, police

found crack cocaine, ecstasy, morphine, marijuana, OxyContin and other drugs as well as weapons, including a non-working crossbow.

Thanh Andrew Mai, 20, Kevin Thanh Mai, 21, Sameh Khalil, 22, Minh Ky Huynh, 27, Thanh Thang Le, 29, Darren James Mellett, 45, John

Anthony Pompeo, 29, Michael Joseph Pompeo, 25, and Megan Brye Boyer, 20, all face numerous charges.

The arrests were made after a two-week investigation into cocaine drug trafficking in Districts 4 and 7, by the District 4 Special Duties Team.

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Work reforms need work: AG

Auditor blasts migrant plan

Vaunted reforms to fast-track skilled immigrants and quickly plug gaps in Canada's labour force have not lived up to advance billing, says Auditor General Sheila Fraser.

The Harper government introduced the controversial reforms in 2008.

It argued then they were necessary to eliminate the backlog of more than 600,000 skilled-worker applications and reduce wait times of up to seven years.

Fraser says the changes have done little to cut the number of new applications pouring in or put a dent in the backlog.

The measures "were implemented without sufficient analysis," Fraser says.

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Sheila Fraser

She questions why the reforms — which give the immigration minister power to pick and choose which categories of skilled immigrants will be fast-tracked or turned away — were implemented.

New Democrat Olivia Chow said Fraser proves the opposition was right. "We knew the changes were not going to work," Chow said.

Royalty A salute that spells 'Canada'



Prince Charles and wife Camilla are framed by an RCMP officer as they tour Brigitte, N.L., yesterday during their 11-day visit to Canada. A documentary airing the final day of their tour predicts Charles' coronation could spell the demise of the monarchy in Canada. It notes a Canadian poll in which two-thirds of respondents support ditching the monarchy once the Queen dies.

This flu vaccine grows on you

POLL Canadians are becoming less and less ambivalent about the vaccine against the H1N1 influenza virus (also known as swine flu), a new poll suggests.

The results of the latest Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggest public reticence about the vaccine is diminishing in the face of concern about the virus. Forty-nine per cent of respondents said they intended to get the shot, while six per cent reported already having done so.

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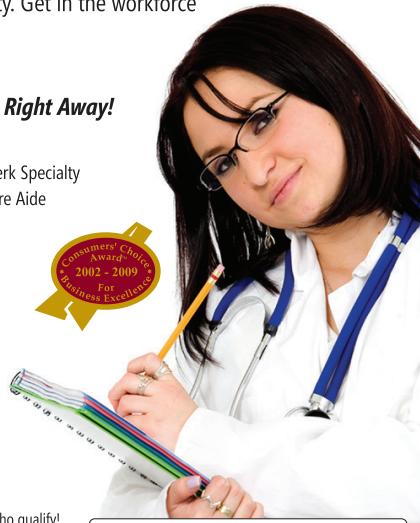
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World

Kennedy tapes mirror Obama's quandary

Newly released White House tapes from the Vietnam War era portray U.S. President John F. Kennedy wrestling over the fate of South Vietnam's strongman in a situation that appears to mirror Barack Obama's quandary today in dealing with Afghanistan's shaky government.

Obama is beset by questions about President Hamid Karzai's popularity, honesty and management

of the war against the Taliban, while Kennedy dealt in 1963 with President Ngo Dinh Diem and his inability to turn the tide against Viet Cong insurgents.

At issue in both conflicts was a rising number of U.S. casualties in defending unpopular governments.

Forty-six years ago this week, Vietnamese generals, confident they had the support of their U.S. allies, overthrew Diem's government in Saigon. But Kennedy, conflicted by a State Department green light to the generals in their coup, questioned the move.

Audio tapes and transcripts of four days of White House meetings released this week by the JFK Presidential Library in Boston reflect uncertainty

RFK killer moved

• An attorney for the man who assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 reports that his client was transferred from a prison that houses high-risk offenders to a new facility where his life could be in danger. William F. Pepper said Sirhan Sirhan opposed the move from the California state prison in Corcoran, which houses high-risk prisoners such as Charles Manson, to Pleasant Valley State Prison in nearby Coalinga.

over what steps to take to try to bolster Saigon's government, riddled with corruption and out of touch with its citizens.

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South Africa African tribal leaders launch group



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Delegates dressed in traditional Ndebele outfits stand against a wall before the Institute of African Royalty launch in Johannesburg yesterday. The kings, queens and chiefs of Africa say they have a role to play in democracy and development on the continent, and several traditional leaders have gathered in South Africa to launch the institute.

News in brief

ITALY The Vatican has denounced a ruling by the European court of human rights that said the display of crucifixes in Italian schools violates religious freedoms.

U.S. Republicans surged to victory in Virginia and New Jersey governors' races yesterday, delivering a blow to President Barack Obama heading into next year's midterm elections. In other elections, last night in New York City Michael Bloomberg was re-elected to a third term as mayor.

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Chinese crime boss sentenced

CHINA Dubbed the "godmother" of the Chinese underworld, she was notorious for her toughness and a lavish lifestyle that reportedly included luxury villas and a stable of 16 young lovers.

Her criminal reign ended yesterday when Xie Caiping, 46, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for running illegal casinos and bribing government officials.

Her trial was one of a series of gang prosecutions in the southwestern city of Chongqing that have featured lurid testimony about sex, corruption and the violent underworld.

Xie is the only female gang boss to be tried as part of a months-long crackdown on local gangs, known as "black societies," in the sprawling southern megacity of 30 million. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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God save us from anything Royal

The West View

Paul Sullivan

We are not amused. Charles and Camilla have decided to visit Canada. But nobody asked us, er, me.

The military is ferreting the royal couple around in a free jet, although I'm not sure why — are there no seat sales?

It's bad enough Canadians are still addicted to this vestigial organ of English colonialism; the one we least want to see is Charles. According to the latest poll, 41 per cent prefer William as the next king, and Charlie's stint as tabloid fodder is over (we hope), so what's the point? Not only that, his mother the Queen is poised to turn up in a few months, which means more bowing and scraping, not to mention jet fuel. At the rate the military budget is being depleted, our troops will have to leave Afghanistan before 2011, long before it is safe for democracy.

I guess you could say Charles' visit pulls us together. This is the first time in living memory I remember agreeing with a separatist. I'm with Patrick Bourgeois, president of Réseau de Résistance du Québecois. Charles is indeed "an atavistic enemy of free Quebec."

On second thought, maybe

Charles' visit is a good idea after all.

But no. It's time to Just Say No to the monarchy and all the ridiculous nonsense that attends it.

It's not just that the English monarchy is an affront to the dignity of people from Bombay to Belfast to La Belle Province, al-

though there is that.

It's not just that these people live in absurd state-sponsored luxury while 24,000 of the world's children die of hunger every day. And I can't imagine how they can even look at themselves in their gilded mirrors.

It's that here in Canada, we allow the Royals to distract us from nation-building. Instead of forging a strong democratic republic based on diversity, tolerance and imagination, we're allowing Michaëlle Jean to get her vice-regal knickers in a knot over whether or not she's the head of state.

Of course she's not the head of state! She's a CBC reporter! Get over yourself!

The Emperor or the Prince of Wales or whatever he's called, has no clothes on — figuratively speaking — although I bet he's tailored from tip to toe in only the finest products of Savile Row.

God save us from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Governor General, the Royal Corgis, etc. Charles?

Go home.

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Word on the street: How well have governments — federal and provincial — handled the H1N1 vaccination program?

Keith Rogers

age 36, Calgary

A: I think they are doing a good job. What can they do other than giving us information and it's up to us to get that information and take steps to make sure we understand the situation at hand.



Alex Pallares

age 25, Calgary

A: I heard that waiting times are way too long and they should have had more than four locations. Walk-in clinics should be set up different and better to deal with quarantine if needed.

Diana Zarowny

age 25, Edmonton

A: I feel maybe that they didn't anticipate the need for the vaccine, or the perceived need for it, so it didn't go that well. Maybe their preparation wasn't quite up to snuff.



Sergio Timoklein

age 29, Toronto

A: On a scale from one to 10, three or four. Big lineups ... Didn't have enough of the vaccine ... I think they should explain it more, give more information about how it can be prevented.



Donna McCulley

age 35, Ottawa

A: I don't think they're doing a very good job. The lineups are ridiculous. They are taking way too long to vaccinate all the high-risk people. The rest of us have to wait until what? We're sick or worse?

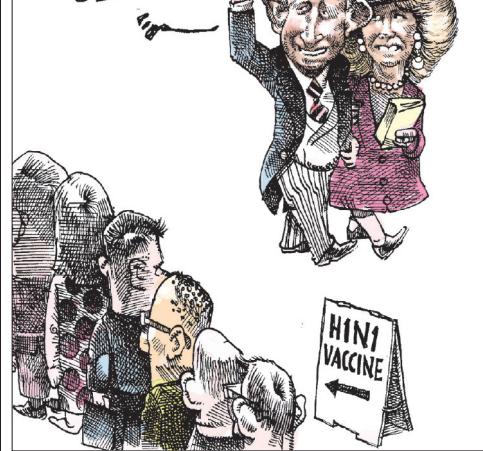


Jared Chaston

age n/a, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: From what I've heard they're running out — there's just not enough of it. If there was such a big scare you'd think they'd be a little more prepared for the whole fiasco.

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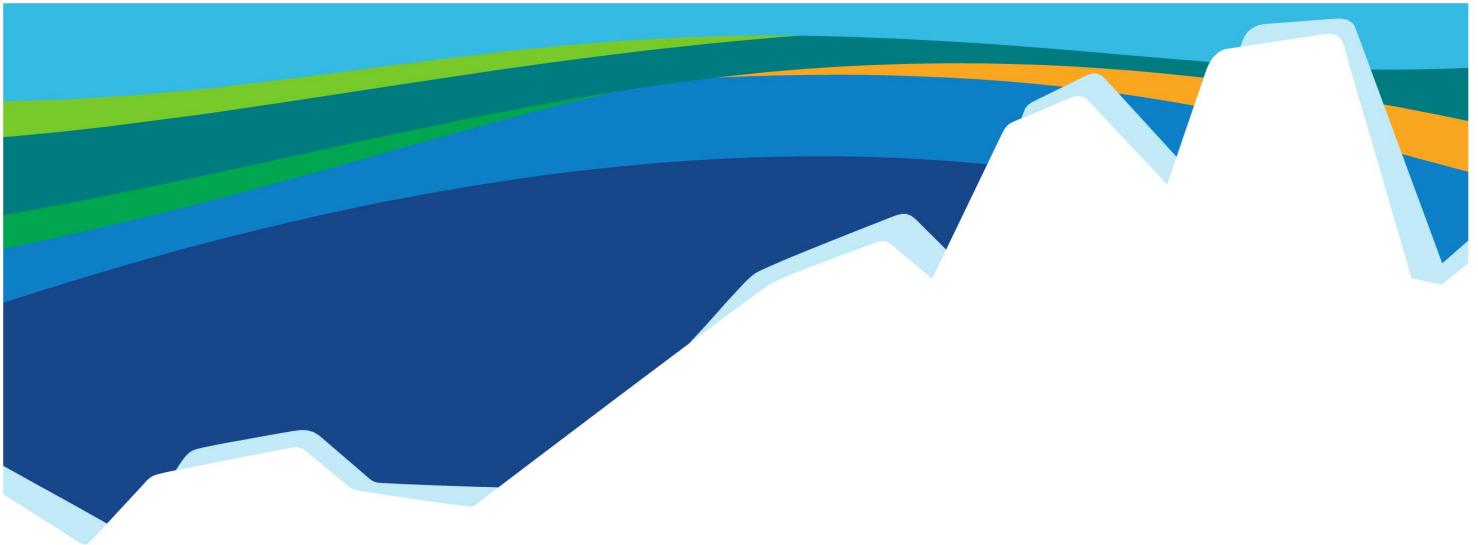
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Nokia Siemens Networks said yesterday it will lay off up to 5,700 workers globally as part of a move to cut annual costs by \$785 million. The mobile network equipment maker said it will reduce its five business units to three by January, and strengthen its business through partnerships and acquisitions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business

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Vehicle sales fall in Canada

Vehicle sales in Canada were down only one per cent in October compared to a year earlier, the smallest decline in more than a year amid growing consumer confidence.

Overall, 121,500 vehicles were sold in Canada in October, according to data compiled by DesRosiers Automotive Consultants. This compared to 122,711 a year earlier.

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Web recall program to launch

A coalition of Canadian industry associations has come together to launch a single standardized program for product recalls.

The new recall program will make use of web-based technology created by GS1 Canada, the non-profit organization known for creating and managing bar codes used by businesses.

The new program will not replace the existing recall system driven by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

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Deal Buffett laying tracks



In this May 2009 file photo, Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, waves to shareholders prior to a meeting in Omaha. Berkshire Hathaway said yesterday it has agreed to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe in a deal valuing the railroad at \$34 billion.

Business in brief

COURT A legal fight between U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs and insolvent Canwest Global Communications Corp. is brewing after Goldman filed

court documents suggesting creditors of the media conglomerate have been making moves without telling them. The allegations centre

around a numbered company created by Canwest at the request of Goldman to hold specialty TV assets.

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Opti looking at selling assets?

Oilsands junior Opti Canada Inc., which has a 35 per cent stake in the Long Lake project in northern Alberta, says it is exploring "strategic alternatives." Options could include asset divestitures and a corporate sale, among other things. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

AltaGas to buy N.S. gas distributor

\$109M for Heritage shares

AltaGas Income Trust announced yesterday it plans to become a 100 per cent owner of Nova Scotia gas distributor Heritage Gas.

AltaGas said its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, AltaGas Utility Group Inc., will pay SaskEnergy Inc. and Scotia Investments

"The Heritage Gas acquisition for the 75.1 per cent of the outstanding shares and shareholder for AltaGas."

debt of Heritage David Cornhill, that it doesn't already own.

Proceeds to CEO of AltaGas SaskEnergy will be approximately \$73.3 million for its 50.1 per cent interest and \$36.5 million to Scotia for its 25 per cent interest.

Closing is expected later this month.

"The Heritage Gas acquisition is an outstanding investment for AltaGas," said David Cornhill, chairman and CEO of AltaGas.

"AltaGas' acquisition of Utility Group in October 2009 created a utility investment arm for AltaGas,

and the Heritage Gas purchase is a significant first acquisition for Utility Group under AltaGas' ownership," he said.

Utility Group, SaskEnergy and Scotia partnered in 2002 to establish Heritage

Gas to obtain and operate a natural gas distribution franchise for Nova Scotia.

Based in Dartmouth, Heritage Gas has 2,261 customers in Amherst and Cumberland County, Dartmouth, Halifax and the International airport through its 229-kilometre system.

Doug Kelln, president and CEO of SaskEnergy, described the deal as a good return on his company's investment and one that "will allow us to focus our future capital spending and resources on our Saskatchewan distribution, transmission and storage operations."

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Business in brief

OPEL DEAL General Motors Co. has decided to keep its European Opel unit rather than sell a 55 per cent stake to Canadian auto parts maker Magna International. The decision came late yesterday at a daylong meeting in Detroit, ending a year of uncertainty for the troubled Opel brand. The move came even though Opel's unions yesterday reached agreement with Magna for \$390 million US a year in cost cuts. Magna, Canada's largest auto parts company, had wanted to acquire Opel as a way to expand the company's sales to Russia, a prized market.

MADOFF SCANDAL Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff's longtime auditor has pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other charges. David Friehling entered the plea yesterday. Prosecutors had said the charges could be punishable by up to 108 years in prison. However, substantial co-operation can result in leniency. The government says Friehling would have known Madoff was carrying out history's biggest Ponzi scheme — because he kept the books. But he told the judge: "At no time was I ever aware Bernard Madoff was engaged in a Ponzi scheme."

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Argentina Jobless hungry for work programs



A woman serves food to demonstrators camping out yesterday on the July 9th Avenue as a form of protest outside the Social Development Ministry in Buenos Aires. Protesters want Argentina's government to develop job programs and distribute monthly unemployment benefits.

Judge OK's Wal-Mart wages settlement

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. received final approval of a settlement in which it will pay between \$65 million US and \$85 million US to resolve wage-and-hour violations alleged by millions of workers.

Nevada District Court Judge Philip M. Pro issued final approval of the settlement, which covered 39 class-action lawsuits across multiple states against the world's largest retailer.

Last December, the Arkansas-based company said it would pay \$640 million to settle 63 lawsuits, ending years of dispute. The agreement ended the vast majority of such cases against Wal-Mart, but each settlement still had to be approved by a trial court. Settlements have been approved separately in Minnesota, Washington and Iowa.

The lawsuits claimed the company failed to compensate

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workers for off-the-clock work and overtime, altered employee time records and prevented employees from taking breaks for rest and lunch. Wal-Mart said many of the lawsuits were filed years ago and the allegations are not representative of the company Wal-Mart is today.

Under the December settlement, Wal-Mart agreed to continue to use various electronic systems in its stores to prevent employees from working off the clock during breaks.

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Mill closure 'grim reminder': CEO

PAPER The head of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. said the recently announced closure of its paper mill in Kitimat, B.C., is a "grim reminder" of what happens to high-cost producers in a depressed industry.

West Fraser chairman, president and chief executive Hank Ketcham also apologized yesterday to investors who have seen the mill lose money for several years and for the impact the closure will have on the lives of 535 employees.

Ketcham made the comments after the company reported a third-quarter loss of \$198 million, which includes a \$138-million charge related to the closure of Eurocan. West Fraser announced last week it was closing Eurocan on Jan. 31. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tommy Haas, Germany's top-ranked tennis player, is recovering from swine flu. "I did a test because I suspected that I had swine flu. The test was positive," Haas said in yesterday's Bild newspaper. Haas told the paper he was already feeling better. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Flames not yet Brent Sutter's team

The **Hockey News**

Brian Costello

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Make no mistake, this is not a Brent Sutter hockey team.

What you see now out of the Calgary Flames is not what you'll see in a few weeks or months depending upon how long it takes

for the message to sink in.

The Flames stand a respectable (or disappointing — you pick the word) 7-4-1 after 12 games and have plenty of room to grow. Learning new systems, establishing a consistent work ethic and conditioning players to rest on the bench, not the back check, takes plenty of imprinting.

Sometimes a team snaps to attention and executes to perfection under a new coach (see Dan Bylsma and the Pittsburgh Penguins), sometimes it never does

(see Mike Keenan and the Flames the past two seasons) and sometimes it takes a while.

The New Jersey Devils under rookie NHL coach Sutter finished sixth overall in 2007-08. But it wasn't smooth sailing in October. The Devils started that season with just three wins in Sutter's first 10 games and the team was outscored 34-22.

It wasn't until Game No. 20 that New Jersey hit a

groove. At 7-10-2, the Devils rattled off nine straight wins and the players became believers. New Jersey was among league leaders in fewest goals against and fewest shots allowed.

Team defence became a lifestyle, not a game plan. That's not yet the case in Calgary. Team defence is currently the hurdle.

The mental block about a total commitment to team defence is realizing it doesn't have to come at the ex-

pense of offensive opportunity. No doubt Sutter is repeating the old axiom of good team defence creating chances if the transition game is strong.

Right now, the Flames are allowing more shots and taking fewer through a dozen games than either of the Keenan years. And that is what's totally unacceptable and bound to change as we approach the pivotal quarter pole.

It would be easier to ac-

cept one high ranking if the other was low. Sutter wouldn't accept it, but at least it would be progress.

As it stands, the Flames are allowing more shots and taking fewer through a dozen games than either of the Keenan years. And that is what's totally unacceptable and bound to change as we approach the pivotal quarter pole.

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6. Rick Kit	ON, CA	191	93	121	214
7. Danny Chan	ON, CA	192	90	121	211
7. Stephanie Warren	NS, CA	191	93	118	211
9. Brian B	AB, CA	196	92	118	210
9. Edward Smith	NS, CA	186	94	116	210
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Manchester United's Paul Scholes scores his team's second goal against CSKA Moscow yesterday during Champions League play in Manchester, England.

Late goals help Chelsea, United advance

SOCCER Manchester United and Chelsea scored late yesterday to reach the next round of the Champions League with Bordeaux and FC Porto.

In other Champions League action, Juventus won 1-0 at Maccabi Haifa; Porto won 1-0 at APOEL Nicosia; Wolfsburg won 3-0 at Besiktas; Bordeaux

won 2-0 at Bayern Munich; AC Milan and Real Madrid played to a 1-1 draw; and Marseille routed FC Zurich 6-1.

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Sports in brief

CRIME The mother of New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain faces up to 20 years in prison when she's sentenced next month on a felony drug charge. Jackie Standley pleaded no contest Monday. The 44-year-old was arrested in May after selling methamphetamine to an undercover officer at her Lincoln, Neb., residence.

TENNIS Roger Federer will play an extra clay-court tournament next year in preparation for the defence of the first French Open title of his career. Federer has added the Estoril Open in Portugal next May, which he won in 2008 but skipped this year.

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Del Zotto NHL's rookie of the month

New York Rangers defenceman Michael Del Zotto was named the NHL's rookie of the month for October yesterday. Del Zotto led all rookies in scoring with four goals and eight assists in 14 games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pettitte aims to lead Yanks to Series win

N.Y. leads Series 3-2

Phillies at Yankees



Andy Pettitte leaned forward in his chair and recounted a recent chat he

had with Derek Jeter as soon as they both realized what was next in this World Series.

Pettitte versus old foe Pedro Martinez, with the Yankees one win from ecstasy.

Still chasing that elusive 27th championship, New York will turn to Pettitte once again in Game 6

tonight, hoping he can pitch them past the Philadelphia Phillies on only three days' rest.

"Me and Derek were talking about it in the clubhouse last night. Just how strange is this?" Pettitte said yesterday. "I think everybody knew it was go-



ing to be a great Series. I think everybody knew it was going to be a tough Series. And it looks like it's living up to that."

After wasting a chance to wrap things up in Game 5 at Philadelphia, the Yankees set their sights on clinching at home. They'd love to chris-

ten their \$1.5-billion US ballpark with a World Series title in its first season and give another championship to 79-year-old owner George Steinbrenner.

Pettitte and Martinez first faced each other on the mound 11 years ago, but they've never done so in the post-season. With so much on the line, it's a de-

licious matchup of gritty pros in their late 30s, long past their prime.

"Two old goats out there doing the best they can and having fun with it," Martinez said. "I don't have enough words to describe how excited I am about being here. This is just a great gift to me."

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Toronto loses Kessel's debut

NHL Phil Kessel impressed in his long awaited Toronto Maple Leafs debut, but it was more of the same for his struggling team last night as Ryan Malone scored at 2:21 of overtime for a 2-1 Tampa Bay Lightning victory.

Malone tapped home an awkward winner that bounced over Jonas Gustavsson moments after John Mitchell nearly won it for the Maple Leafs on a pretty rush, with the puck nearly taking another funny hop into the goal.

Malone's goal stood up after a video review.

Vincent Lecavalier also scored for Lightning (5-4-4), who won their first road game of the season (1-4-1).

Atlanta 5 Montreal 4 — Mark Popovic scored his first NHL goal and Colby Armstrong got the game-winner in a seesaw third period to lift the Thrashers over the Canadiens.

Detroit 2 Boston 0 — Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom scored in the first period, then Chris Osgood finished with his first shutout of the season to give the Wings a win over the Bruins.

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Sports in brief

INDUCTED NHL great Mark Messier, world champion kayaker Caroline Brunet, ex-CFL quarterback Warren Moon, longtime Edmonton Eskimos GM Hugh Campbell, standard-bred racing legend John Campbell, women's hockey star Angela James and University of Victoria basketball coach Ken Shields were all inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame yesterday.

SOCCER Police used a water cannon to overcome rioting soccer fans after a German second division game and detained 23 people. Twenty-seven officers were slightly hurt. The police reacted when about 500 violent supporters of Hansa Rostock tried to breach a police barrier after their club had lost to visiting St. Pauli 2-0 Monday.

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Metro Drive

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Clockwise from bottom left, Ford Taurus, Mazda3 Sport, Subaru Outback and VW Golf GTI were among the category winners at the AJAC Awards last weekend.

Beep! The winners are here

MARK ATKINSON
and JIL MCINTOSH
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Last weekend, the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada announced its category winners for the year during its Test Fest event. Metro writers Jil McIntosh and Mark Atkinson were among the automotive experts at the AJAC event who were invited to get behind the wheels of 157 new vehicles and make their picks. Here's the list of the category winners and what our experts have to say about them:

MAZDA3: BEST NEW SMALL CAR (UNDER \$21K)
MARK ATKINSON: Mazda's

smart update to the popular 3 sedan hits all the right notes. The updated design, revvy engine and nimble reflexes make this one entry-level car that doesn't feel like a penalty box.

MAZDA3 SPORT: BEST NEW SMALL CAR (OVER \$21K)

JIL MCINTOSH: Hatchback styling and great performance blend with 2.5-litre, 167-horsepower four-cylinder engine. The interior looks great.

VOLKSWAGEN GOLF WAGON: TDI BEST NEW FAMILY CAR (UNDER \$30K)

MA: Don't be confused by the name change — the new Volkswagen Golf Wagon is last year's Jetta Wagon with a facelift, a great new audio/nav system and some

Top award coming

- The Canadian Car of the Year Award and the Utility Vehicle of the Year will be voted on by AJAC members over the next few weeks and will be announced in February at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

FORD TAURUS: BEST NEW FAMILY CAR (OVER \$30K)

JM: Taurus name returns on an all-new Ford flagship. Roomy and smooth-riding, it uses a 3.5-litre V6, six-speed automatic, and all-wheel-drive; standard MyKey feature lets parents limit speed and radio volume for young drivers.

VOLKSWAGEN GOLF GTI: BEST NEW SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR (UNDER \$50K)

JM: At 200 horsepower, the lightweight GTI spins on a dime, sticks in the corners, and eats asphalt for dinner.

BMW 335D SEDAN: BEST NEW LUXURY CAR

MA: Compact dimensions and a torque-monster turbodiesel engine give the 335d Sedan nimble dynamics, excellent acceleration and over 1,000 km to every tank of fuel.

PORSCHE PANAMERA: BEST NEW PRESTIGE CAR

MA: This will hopefully end the arguments over whether the Panamera is a true Porsche.

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AUDI S4: BEST NEW

SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR (OVER \$50K)

MA: It's not often that manufacturers offer fewer cylinders in their top-line sports machines, but Audi's move to a supercharged V6 from the previous V8 means less weight, better fuel consumption, and improved handling.

SUBARU OUTBACK: BEST NEW SUV/CUV (UNDER \$35K)

JM: Subaru addressed the main complaint of the previous-generation Outback by stretching and widening the chassis. PZEV engine is enviro-conscious without the smugness.

- Visit metronews.ca/auto for a complete list of winners and more expert opinion.

NEWS CANADA



Keeping tab on tire pressure is crucial during winter. More winter tire coverage on PG. 15.



Changes to your driving style will keep you safer in winter, says Young Drivers of Canada's Scott Marshall.

Different season, different driving

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Preparation, anticipation and reaction: they're vital keys to driving safely and confidently in winter weather.

Just as you switch your T-shirt for coat and mittens, you need to adjust your driving habits from summer to winter.

"People seem surprised and shocked that a wet,

slippery road isn't going to stop them as fast as a dry road," says Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada.

On the road, leave more space between your car and others ahead than you might in summer.

"Most drivers forget that in order to respond to a driver in front, we need time to see, to react, and then to stop," Marshall says.

"All year round, people make the mistake of allowing a couple of car lengths. It should be at least two seconds instead, and if the road is snow-covered, double that space. Also, never drive beside someone else. Don't trust that the driver isn't going to swerve when he hits ice. Always have a space beside you at all times."

Many drivers dread "black ice," a thin frozen

layer that's often difficult to see, and which claims a huge number of drivers each season.

Rather than fear it, you should anticipate it, Marshall says.

"You can predict where it might be. It will be in areas where the sun doesn't melt it, like a tree-laden road, or under bridges or tunnels."

- More safety tips on safedriving.wordpress.com

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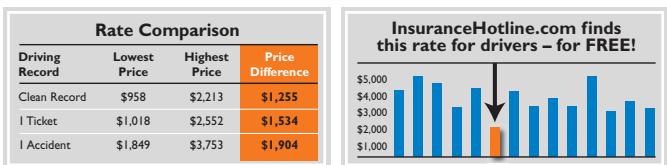
No. Sadly, this is a mistake many drivers make and it can be a costly one, especially if they don't bother to shop around for the lowest rate available. The key to finding the best rate, especially if you have tickets or accidents on your driving record, is to figure out which insurance company of the more than 20 in Alberta has the best rate for your particular situation. And with rates varying so wildly across companies, chances are you are not with the company that has the lowest rate for your profile right now.

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Winter Car Care



A snow brush and an ice scraper are must-have accessories during winter months.

Breeze through freeze

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



November's blustery winds should be the trigger that gets people into winter driving mode, but inevitably, many of us continue blindly into our coldest season unprepared. It happens every year — once the first snowfall hits, only then will the local service shops be filled to capacity with those scrambling to get pre-winter work done, or booking the body-shop after an unintended collision.

Now is the perfect time to get the jump on winter preparation, so Metro gathered some tips on how you can keep safe on the road, and how to stay alive if you do end up going off.

VISIBILITY

To have visibility during all winter weather conditions, it is important to have the right necessities available.

Keep a snow brush and ice scraper in your vehicle at all times during the winter months. If your car is often parked outdoors, invest in a winter windshield cover to keep snow, frost and ice off of your windshield.

Also, top-up on windshield fluid for extreme temperatures and always keep an extra jug in the trunk.

CHECK-UP

Prior to the start of any new season, make an appointment to have your vehicle fully serviced, especially prior to winter, when weather elements can affect many performance elements of the vehicle. Have

your battery and charging system checked to ensure it will have enough power to start the car on cold mornings. Check wiper blades for signs of wear and cracking and replace if necessary. Better yet, change to heavy-duty winter blades like Teflon wiper blades. Also, extreme cold is hard on the engine oil. An oil change and new filter are good ideas for the change in season.

PACK A VEHICLE EMERGENCY KIT

Keep the following items on-hand in your car, in the event you are ever stuck or stranded:

- Cellphone with hands-free option
- Emergency car starter
- Gloves and hat
- Shovel
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables

Winter tires money saver in long run?

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



It's the same questions every time the snow flies: Should I get winter tires? Aren't all-seasons good enough? Why spend the extra money when I've never had a problem before?

"One of the most important factors in starting, steering or stopping on ice and snow is your tires," says Mark Cox, director of the Bridgestone Winter Driving School in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

"It makes no difference if you have a front-wheel, four-wheel or rear-wheel drive, your vehicle will perform better in most winter driving conditions if it is equipped with purpose-built winter tires instead of all-season radials."



Changing to winter tires may make your summer or all-season tires last longer.

"winter tires should be used once the temperature hits seven degree Celsius or lower, as this is when all-season tires begin to lose elasticity, resulting in reduced traction. Winter tires retain their elasticity to grip at much lower temperatures."

As for the myth of being more expensive, an article on Toyo Tires Canada's website states that "changing from winter tires to summer or all-season tires is a bit of a hassle, but the only cost incurred is the cost of remounting your tires. Winter tires used during the months when they are designed will last for many years, extending the life of your summer tires. It can actually save you money when considering the costs of replacing a high-performance tire sooner."

University of Toronto top Canadian institution: Ranking

The University of Toronto has been chosen as the top Canadian university in Shanghai Jiao Tong University's 2009 Academic Ranking of World Universities. U of T placed 27th overall. UBC, McGill, and McMaster each made the top 100. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology

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New website connects students to students

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Marketing to students effectively is a tough job but it's a challenge one Canadian agency is taking on by sticking to simple maxim — don't market to people unless you're ready to give them something useful.

Jonathan Tick, 32, is a managing partner at Campus Marketing Agency based in Toronto and says the best — and hardest — type of marketing to do is the kind that actually benefits the people you're marketing to.

"We take a very utility-driven approach to marketing — we don't market unless it benefits the student in some way. Our goal is to provide them with a resource they can use every day," Tick said.

The agency's newest venture is CampusIntel.com, a site geared around taking all of the various things students search for on the Internet — free goodies, campus and world news, blogs, travel deals and classified ads — and package them into a single place accessible with a single click.

The site incorporates a Metro news feed, free blogs and forums and a classifieds/book swap section unique in its rigour. Unlike other online swap sites that allow people to access list-



CampusIntel.com, the latest venture for Campus Marketing Agency, is like Craigslist, but it is not anonymous, it requires a student email in order to participate.

"Social networks get a ton of traffic but it's not the kind of traffic that wants to be marketed to. We're really growing this thing organically so that it catches fire."

Campus Marketing Agency Jonathan Tick

ings and trade anonymously, CampusIntel's classifieds require a real university email address to access the site, ensuring that the people creating and responding to ads are bone-fide students. The feature also makes it far less likely that users will be preyed upon by muggers or thieves since correspondence is no longer anonymous.

"One of the things we're stressing (about the book swap) is that you need to have a registered email from a post-secondary institution to use it. It's a much

safer marketplace than what you would find with a Craigslist or a Kijiji," Tick said.

Tick points at the many recent failed attempts at using Facebook as a marketing platform as an example that students aren't interested in having their online life interrupted by traditional, projected marketing that doesn't offer them any direct benefit.

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cally so that it catches fire," Tick said.

The power of the student demographic of educated people aged 18-24 can be intense, as Tick says the age group is highly peer-oriented, very impressionable and develops life-long habits that can decide, for instance, which razor someone uses for the rest of their life. "This is the time of your life when you're creating your spending habits and loyalty habits."

Labels mean less than responsibilities at work

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin



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Having sold home insulation part time for a number of years, a more permanent relationship made sense to Syndey Smith. So, when an opportunity arose to work full time for his friend, the owner of Centra Windows Ltd., Smith did not hesitate to take on the job.

Over the years, Smith's duties increased in scope and importance. He was eventually appointed to the position of vice-president of marketing and development. But in 2004, Centra felt that Smith's performance was far below expectations and terminated him without an offer of severance because Centra felt that Smith was a contractor, not an employee.

However, after 14 years of service, Smith believed he was entitled to much more. He then challenged Centra's views in court — and recently he won.

The true test is not what the parties call themselves in a contract, but rather how they actually behaved. Despite the lack of an "employee" label, the court concluded this relationship existed.

Daniel A. Lublin is an employment lawyer with Written & Lublin LLP. Reach him at dan@canadaemploymentlawyer.com.

Seasonal workers should expect competition

The outlook for seasonal hiring in the fourth quarter of 2009 is projected to be similar to 2008, according to a new CareerBuilder survey.

Eighteen per cent of hiring managers plan to hire seasonal workers to meet business needs associated with the holidays and end-of-the-year wrap-ups, on par with 17 per cent in 2008. At the same time, competition for holiday work is heating up.

In addition to unemployed workers pursuing seasonal employment, 12 per cent of employed workers plan to take on a seasonal job to help make ends

meet.

Popular Seasonal Positions

Seasonal positions may prove to be the break job seekers are looking for as three-in-ten (31 per cent) hiring managers indicate they are likely to hire a seasonal worker for a full time position. The most popular positions identified for seasonal recruitment include customer service, retail sales, administrative/clerical, hospitality, shipping/delivery, inventory, technology and accounting/finance.

While some hiring managers (12 per cent) say they plan to increase pay for sea-

sonal workers, 15 per cent are planning a decrease. Forty-four per cent of hiring managers expect to pay \$10 or more per hour and 12 per cent expect to pay \$16 or more per hour. Thirty-four per cent of hiring managers plan to pay between \$8 and \$10 per hour and 20 percent expect to pay between \$6 and \$8.

"Competition for seasonal positions will be intense as the job market is flooded with qualified candidates vying for a smaller number of open positions," said Brent Rasmussen, President of CareerBuilder North America.

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What happens when Dragons clash?

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner



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Two of the Dragons get into a spat on tonight's episode of Dragons' Den. Jim, the loveable former RCMP officer turned Boston Pizza baron, becomes royally ticked at Arlene, the marketing maven from Calgary, when she cuts him off before he's had a chance to say whether he's in or out of a deal.

Jim is a pretty easy-going guy most of the time, but you can see in this situation he is steamed.

Conflict is a completely natural part of life — it can happen anywhere and anytime, at

work or at home — or at the grocery store checkout. How people handle conflict varies widely, but it's often a sign of their character, and frankly, their mental health.

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Dragons are clearly not co-workers — but none of them is the boss either. And power plays a major role in how we handle workplace conflict. You have to handle a dispute with your supervisor or your subordinate in a different way than someone who is your equal.

When I was running Venture, the CBC business show that retired from the airwaves

in 2007, occasionally a team member came to me to complain about a colleague. I almost always asked if they had expressed their concerns to the person in question. It's better if peers resolve the issue themselves — when possible — instead of "tattling" to the boss.

However it gets worked out — with the boss' help, or by the individuals involved — the important thing is that it gets worked out. Conflict that isn't ad-

dressed can turn toxic. Anger, anxiety, and lost productivity can be the result.

Experts say the ingredients to resolving a conflict are respect, a willingness to consider other viewpoints, and to value the legitimate needs of everyone involved.

Unfortunately there are immature adults around who just aren't willing to co-operate. But I think most people do want to do a good job, and feel comfortable in the workplace. If it's possible to tap into those positive instincts, a solution is more likely.

We don't often get to choose our colleagues — others choose them for us. The Dragons didn't choose each other — the production team made those selections. And frankly a bit of conflict makes for good TV!

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

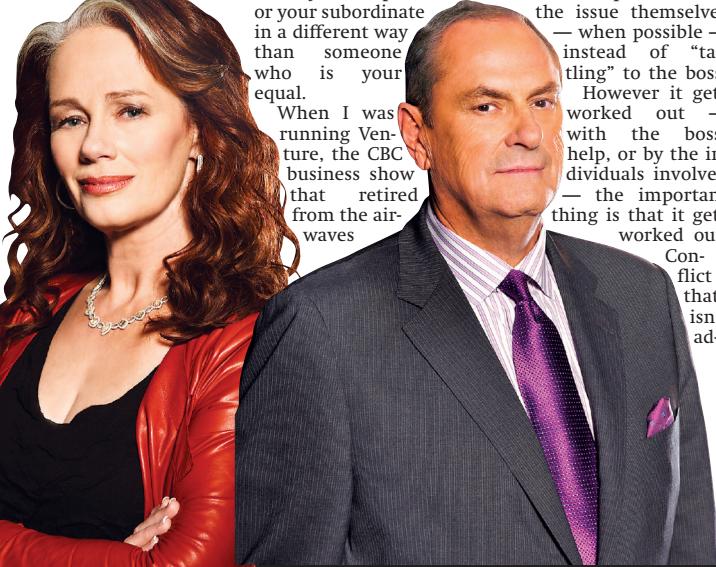
Many trust unqualified electricians

SKILLED-TRADES A new study shows a large percentage of Ontario homeowners think it's OK to let unqualified people do their electrical work for them.

A recent Leger Marketing survey found that 45 per cent of homeowners wouldn't bother to check the credentials of contractors before hiring them to perform electrical work and up to 70 per cent of homeowners would hire a neighbour, friend or handyman to install a new light fixture, repair an electrical outlet or wire an outdoor timer — all potentially dangerous tasks if not performed properly.

Lucy Impera, registrar of licensing and certification at the province's Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), says the survey results show that a lack of education still exists among the public about the dangers inherent in electrical work.

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Workology in brief

UVIC GOES SOCIAL Following on the heels of a research initiative to better understand its current and prospective students, the University of Victoria has created a new campaign for its 2010-11 undergraduate recruitment initiative — The Anything Project. The campaign is centred on the question, "If you could do anything, what would you do?" UVic produced a video featuring student, faculty, and staff responses to the question.

LESS SUPPORT TO MANAGERS A recent study conducted by OI Partners, a global consortium of leadership development consultancies, found that in the wake of the recession, many companies in Canada are offering less support to newly promoted managers. The majority of employees moving into management positions to replace staff who were let go during recent cutbacks, are not getting the training they need to succeed.

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Canada's best new restaurant

Reviewers have praised its emphasis on fresh local ingredients and the simplicity of its cuisine. Now, Cibo Trattoria on Seymour Street in downtown Vancouver has received another accolade: it's been named by enRoute magazine as Canada's best new restaurant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Voluntourism ideas

The new book *Frommer's 500 Places Where You Can Make a Difference* (John Wiley & Sons) details numerous possibilities for voluntourism, grouping them into categories such as animal welfare, working with children, healing the environment, building better communities, peace-building and spiritual service. Service travel has been around a long time, writes author Andrew Mersmann, but "the easy availability of these trips is somewhat new." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Present perfect

London's markets are an inspired source for wallet-friendly gifts

ROMINA Mc GUINNESS



New York City may be famous for its over-the-top take on the Christmas season, but London brings a quirky exuberance to the holidays that's all its own.

Fortunately, this works very well for budget shoppers: just ducking into a high street chain such as Paperchase, paperchase.co.uk will net you delightfully creative cards and ornaments of an ilk that no one at home has likely seen before.

But the city's abundance of street markets also makes London a great place to find fabulous bits and bobs to fill up the stockings. Whether vintage, organic or eclectic, you're sure to find a gift that will make someone merry.

Broadway market

Nestled between Dalston and Hackney and facing leafy London Fields is London's best kept secret: Broadway Market. The market is eco-aware, so no plastic bags are exchanged between buyers and sellers — bring your own tote — and goods are fair trade or organic.

From edible presents to quirky crafts, Broadway offers all kinds of rich and



Left, shoppers browse for ornaments in Greenwich Market. Right, a huge candy stall at the annual Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park.

random treats. You'll also find treasures such as ceramics, lace headbands and secondhand books; assess your bargains over a coffee and cupcake at one of the cozy cafes on the sidewalk. See broadwaymarket.co.uk.

Greenwich Market

Situated on the bank of the Thames, the village of Greenwich — a UNESCO World Heritage site — is London... but not quite.

Located outside the central zone makes it the perfect day trip away from the hordes of shoppers. Come the festive period, the stalls are perfect for picking up original gifts

that won't break the bank. Richard Crafts' handcrafted metal designs come in all kinds of shapes and sizes: The wired wonders include dancing fairies, Christmas trees and shooting stars.

Make a cultural stop at Maritime Greenwich to visit the Cutty Sark, cuttysark.org.uk, the world's last remaining tea clipper ship. The local shop sells all sorts of kitschy memorabilia from Christmas cards to collector coins. See greenwichmarket.net.

Spitalfields and Sunday Up Market

Recently revamped Spi-



Right, a huge candy stall at the annual Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park.

Seasonal shopping events

Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park

This seasonal fair has grown into a 20-acre mélange of rides, holiday-themed stage shows and eateries. It also contains a German Christmas Market, with more than 50 decorated chalets selling gifts and refreshments, providing an "atmospheric alternative to

the High Street."

- Open Nov. 21 to Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Christmas Day.
- hydeparkwinterwonderland.com.

Cockpit Arts Open Studios:

Creativity, particularly with regards to visual design, seems to bloom in London, so a trip to see a group of the

city's best artisans is always worthwhile. Cockpit Arts, a creative-business incubator, has Open Studios days at which you can meet the 165 resident designers and browse their wares. This year's pre-holiday dates at Cockpit Arts Holborn are Fri., Nov. 27 to Sun., Nov. 29. See cockpitarts.com for details.

talfields is great for those wanting to experience the market vibe while shielded from rain and freezing winds; thankfully, the entire space is covered with a glass ceiling.

You'll find everything from oysters and chocolate brownies to Peruvian ponchos and vintage accessories. Cross the road over

to Brick Lane for the grittier yet equally glamorous treasure trove that is the Sunday Up Market. See spitalfields.co.uk and sundayupmarket.co.uk.

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Enjoying Kauai's laidback lifestyle

Spirit, scenery make Hawaiian island tops for a peaceful getaway

GREG ST. MARTIN
Metro World News



Of all Hawaii's different islands, Kauai is where vacationers who are after a peaceful getaway most often land.

The island features a laidback spirit, a frequently undeveloped landscape and abundant breathtaking views from the Kilauea Lighthouse on the northern coast to a neat "tree tunnel" on the southern side planted more than 150 years ago.

It also boasts great hiking in Koke'e State Park; Poipu Beach was named one of the world's best by The Travel Channel; and it has more rivers and waterfalls than all the other Hawaiian islands.

It also features Mount Waialeale, which is considered the wettest spot in the world.

Even though 82 per cent of the island is inaccessible by car, there are plenty of ways to see its gorgeous coastline, mountains and lush forests.

The best way to enjoy Kauai is to aim for a har-

monious balance between relaxation and adventure. The island offers some rich spectacles that can be found nowhere else on Earth. Take a drive up the coastline, take a tour of the island's interior, or snorkel to discover the sea turtles (but no touching).

But the island is also the perfect place to kick back on the beach and spend hours just staring out on the Pacific.

Take advantage of the fact that you're more than 2,400 miles away from the next closest state (California) and enjoy the rich smell of the ocean and peaceful sounds of crashing waves.

Na Pali Coast

Truly a sight to behold, this 15-mile coastline of amazing cliffs is inaccessible by car, but boats offer several-hour tours. From the water, visitors can see it all — majestic sea cliffs, waterfalls and even spinner dolphins. It's also known as one of the fastest-eroding cliff lines on the planet.



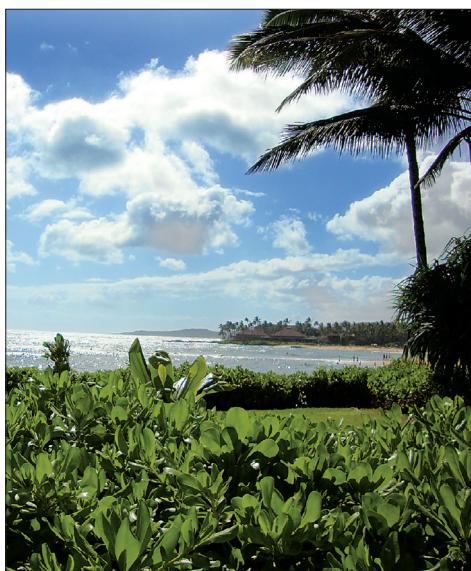
Kauai's Na Pali Coast is a 15-mile-long stretch of coastline that's inaccessible by car, though boats offer tours lasting several hours.

Waimea Canyon

The magnificent canyon (10 miles long by one wide) is visible from tourist lookouts, where you can take panoramic photos, and hiking trails that provide a more intimate view. The best time to go is by noon, before the fog rolls in. It's known as The Grand Canyon of the Pacific.

The wildlife

Kauai's sea creatures can be found simply by tossing on some snorkeling equipment or by signing up for a scuba adventure. The island's lush interior and jungle terrain can be discovered in many ways. Visitors can take tours by kayak, zipline, ATV and helicopter. Movie tour buses point out spots where movies such as Jurassic Park, South Pacific and Raiders of the Lost Ark were filmed.



Poipu Beach was named one of the world's best by The Travel Channel.

Kauai

- Best restaurant — Not only does The Beach House Restaurant offer sensational food, it's said to be the best eatery on the island to watch the sunset — so make sure you book a table on the outer part of the seating area
- Local dish — It's almost impossible to go wrong with a seafood dish in Kauai, but ahi (yellow fin tuna) and ono (wahoo) are two that tend to be popular.
- When to go — Let's put it this way: There's no bad time to visit. But some things to keep in mind are that hurricane season runs from June to November, when the rainy season is said to begin. Some say the best weather can be found in April/May or September/October. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Following Florida's scenic highways

Plenty of snowbirds are familiar with the drive south to Florida, but a scenic route promotion program in the U.S. wants visitors to know about the best routes to drive while they're in the state.

Under the National Scenic Byways program, the highest recognition possible is the All-American Road designation. That status has just been granted to the Overseas Highway, which stretches for 205 kilometres in the Florida Keys.

Completed in 1938, the Overseas Highway incorporates 42 bridges over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Only 30 other U.S. roadways have earned the prestigious title. Keys officials expect the accolade will lead to increased tourism and additional highway funding.

"The All-American Road designation will bring status to us with international and domestic visitors, so that they know driving U.S. 1 from Key Largo to Key West is a one-of-a-kind driving experience," said Judy



A lone palm tree on Bahia Honda Key, Fla., and the Overseas Highway, which runs for 205 kilometres through the keys.

Hull, president of the Florida Keys Scenic Corridor Alliance that spearheaded a multiyear effort to achieve the distinction.

At the same time, three other Florida roads were recognized as new National Scenic Byways:

Black Bear Scenic Byway

In the state's north central region, linking Silver Springs and the city of Ormond Beach, this route traverses some of Florida's most pristine ecosystems, centered on the Big Scrub,

the world's largest scrub forest. The byway offers access to a wide array of outdoor activities and public lands, including the Ocala National Forest.

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail

This 50-kilometre double loop of roadways runs through some of the most beautiful and diverse natural scenery remaining in all of northeast Florida.

There's ready access to the Atlantic Ocean, North Peninsula, Tomoka and Bu-

low Creek State Parks as well as numerous city and county parks.

Big Bend Scenic Byway

The Big Bend Scenic Byway is 355 kilometres long and can be accessed from Apalachicola in the west,

Tallahassee Regional Airport in the north, or New Port in the east.

It includes outdoor experiences all along the way, such as the Forest Trail — rich with pine forests, hardwood hammocks,

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Jim Carrey, right, is the latest actor to play the infamous Ebenezer Scrooge in the upcoming Disney version of *A Christmas Carol*.

Scrooge reborn

BY RICHARD CROUSE
For Metro Canada



Movie feature

IMDB lists 70 entries for the character Ebenezer Scrooge. Everyone from Jack Palance to Vanessa Williams (her character was called Ebony Scrooge) have "bah humbugged" their way through the role.

This weekend Jim Carrey joins that list in a big budget Disney motion capture version of *A Christmas Carol*. But why have the character and the story of the man who hated Christmas stayed popular since Charles Dickens penned it 166 years ago?

The first reason may have appealed to old Scrooge's frugal nature. The story is in public do-

main, meaning there are no pesky payments to the Dickens family for using the character, but to be made (the first film came in 1901) remade (21 times on film and dozens more made for TV) then turned on its head and remade again and again, there must be something else about the story's humbuggery that resonates with viewers.

The *Life and Times of Ebenezer Scrooge* author Paul Davis says the story is one of those rarities that is so familiar it's almost part of our collective DNA.

"My acquaintance with

Scrooge seems preliterate," he wrote, "different from my sense of *Dick and Jane*, Dr. Doolittle or *Robinson Crusoe*. I remember when I first met the Hardy Boys, but I feel as though I've always known Scrooge and Tiny Tim."

Dr. Philip Allingham of Lakehead University, concurs, calling it a "wonderful, heart-warming story with people that we feel we know extremely well."

Familiarity with the characters is one thing but other scholars think the story's ability to seem current, no matter when it is restaged is a major selling point.

"What it all boils down to is that *A Christmas Carol* is that rare and precious thing, a story for the ages," said the Washington Post's Jonathan Yardley, "like other such stories — the Bible, the dramas of ancient Greece, the plays of Shakespeare — becomes a distinct and different entity in each age."

Perhaps these days of bear markets and economic uncertainty have given the story a timely slant. In light of our recent economic downturn Scrooge's penny-pinching ways could be seen as something to be emulated.

The bottom line, however, may be the simplest explanation of all: *A Christmas Carol* is a tale of redemption that confirms the fundamental spiritual nature of Christmas itself. In other words, it makes us feel good.

No one can do it better

• Jim Carrey insists he is the perfect actor to portray Ebenezer Scrooge in Robert Zemeckis' new 3-D animation version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, since he and the famous character have so much in common. "I hate Christmas," he insists. "I'm the only one in Hollywood who hates it." All joking aside, Carrey was thrilled to take on the famous part, especially since the technology allowed him to become a more believable miser without worrying if the makeup would be believable. But the process of making a motion-capture movie wasn't something Carrey



Alastair Sim

was necessarily used. The face the digital artists came up with for Scrooge was also disconcerting, Carrey admits. "When I saw the movie, one of the first things I said was, 'My family is going to have a heart attack. That is my father!'"

For inspiration, Carrey looked to the famous Scrooges of the past, particularly Alastair Sim, from 1951's *Scrooge*. "His whole being had an acid reflux bitterness to it that is just splendid to watch. I wanted to have that feeling, that deep feeling that causes rheumatism, that will eventually eat you alive from inside."

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Mariah Carey almost went face-first into Jay Leno's stage during a taping of his show on Monday night, popeteer.com reports. As Carey was making her way onto the stage, she tripped up and nearly fell forward. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Rihanna breaks her silence

CENTRE OF THE CIRCUS

Months after being attacked by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown, Rihanna is speaking out about her healing process in December issue of Glamour magazine, people.com reports.

"My story was broadcast all over the world for people to see," she says. "They have followed every step of my recovery."

"The positive thing that has come out of my situation is that people can learn from that. I want to

give as much insight as I can to young women, because I feel like I represent a voice that really isn't heard. Now I can help speak for those women."

Named Glamour's 2009 Woman of the Year, Rihanna, 21, will be honoured in a special ceremony at New York's Carnegie Hall on Monday. In addition to opening up about her difficult year, the singer — and fashionista — will also appear in a pictorial spread.

As for the massive scrutiny following the February 2009 attack, Rihanna says, "I went to sleep as Rihanna and woke up as Britney Spears. That was the level of media chaos that happened the next day."

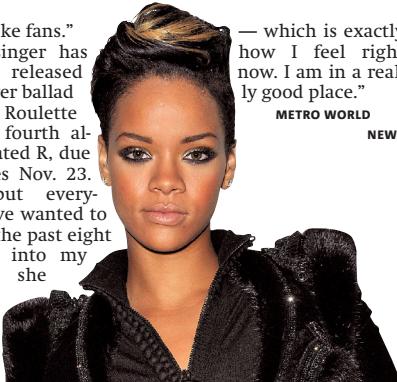
And, she says, the past nine months have been a source of growth and strength. "I am stronger, wiser and more aware. You don't realize how much your decisions affect people you don't even

know, like fans."

The singer has already released the power ballad Russian Roulette off her fourth album, Rated R, due in stores Nov. 23. "I've put everything I've wanted to say for the past eight months into my music," she says. "(It's) super fearless

— which is exactly how I feel right now. I am in a really good place."

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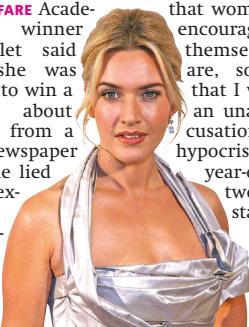


Winslet gets last laugh

ETHICAL WARFARE

Academy Award winner Kate Winslet said yesterday she was "delighted" to win a payout of about \$40,000 US from a British newspaper that said she lied about her exercise regime, people.com reports.

"I strongly believe



that women should be encouraged to accept themselves as they are, so to suggest that I was lying was an unacceptable accusation of hypocrisy," the 33-year-old mother of two said in a statement.

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Barton centre of bar brawl?

YOU TALKING TO ME? Mischa Barton sparked a fight at a Halloween party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former O.C. star was furious after a reveller threw a drink over her at New York's Park Bar on Saturday after she accidentally stepped on his foot, throwing her own beverage at the unnamed partygoer in retaliation.

The incident took an ugly turn when the actress — who was dressed as a

peacock — returned to her table and told her friends, who rushed to confront the man.

A source told Radar Online: "Within a few minutes one of her male friends came over to confront the guy and asked him to step out."

side. Mischa's friend left but then he kept coming back every few minutes to complain."

The two men then allegedly fought on the dance floor before two bouncers came and threw out the instigator — who had "a gash to his head and his knee was all cut up."

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She likes big butts and she cannot lie

YOU TELL 'EM, SISTER!

The former Sports Illustrated cover girl is back in modeling shape — but not because she wants to retake the catwalk. Tyra Banks has regained control of her eating habits, people.com reports.

Thanks to the help of nutritionist Heather Bauer, Banks re-evaluated her eating habits by keeping a food diary.



Banks is now revealing how she lost almost 30 lbs. since her famous "Kiss my fat ass" incident in early 2007.

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But don't worry, Banks assures fans that she hasn't turned her back on the curvy club. "I feel good about my curves and my imperfections — my booty, my boobs, my thighs — I embrace it all," she says. "Now I really can say ... kiss my fat — and still fat — ass."

Kiefer drinking at 7 a.m.?

NO FIGHTS REPORTED It's never to late for a nightcap, at least not for Kiefer Sutherland and his crew.

The 24 star wrapped filming on an episode of the hit series early one morning last week and allegedly headed to a nearby bar in San Pedro, Calif.

— at 7 a.m. TMZ alleges Sutherland treated the crew, spending a total of \$700 at the bar between the hours of 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Paris' phone panic attack

OMFG Paris Hilton got quite a scare after leaving a Halloween party when her cell phone was tossed from her limo while driving through

Hollywood. "She was staggering down the street, up and down," a source tells Page Six. "She was mad," another source says.

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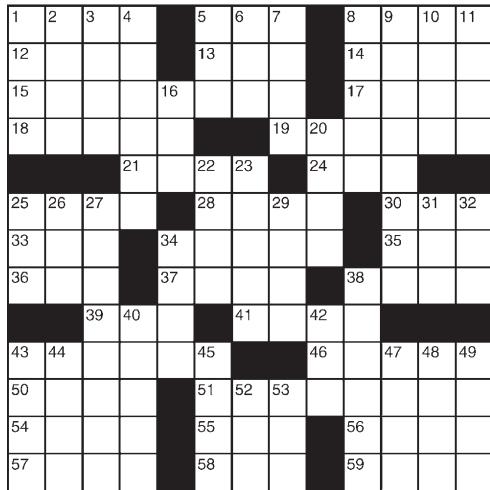
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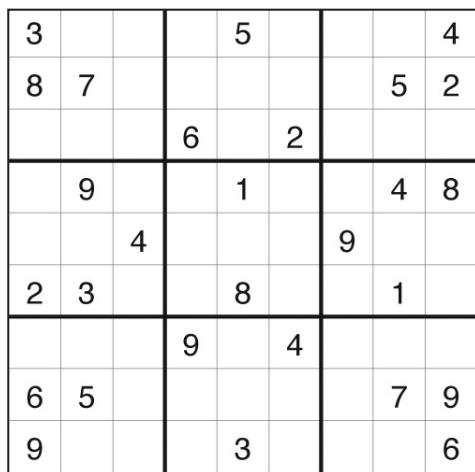
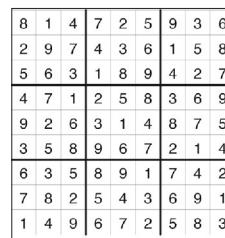
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If someone tells you there is something you cannot have you will make every effort to get it. But could it be they are hoping you will react this way?

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

After today you won't be under so much pressure on the work front, but don't use that as an excuse to lower your standards.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Take care that your feelings don't sweep you away over the next 24 hours. You can't rescue everyone.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

You will get a well deserved rest from a family or relationship problem now that Neptune is turning direct again.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Don't be too surprised if people you thought were on your side pick holes in what you say and do today.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Your confidence will fade a bit today as you begin to wonder if maybe you have taken on too much.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Current events may wear you down and make you discouraged today, but that is not an excuse to give up on something.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

Don't be so desperate to improve your financial position that you start taking the kind of risks that could end in disaster.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Something you thought you understood yesterday will confuse you today, but don't be down about it.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign warns it is time to stop trying to be the biggest and the best in everything you do.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Certain people may be intensely irritating but you must not let them see that they are getting under your skin.

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Be under no illusions about what is important in your life and what is not — and what you stand to lose if you get them mixed up.



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